

Cloudy and colder to-
day; brisk to high wester-
ly winds

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BIG DOT CONTEST ATTRACTS CROWDS ON FINAL NIGHT

Hundreds Struggle to
Get Estimates in Hands
of Clerks.

ENTHUSIASTIC THROUGHS Business Office Stormed and Window Glass Smashed to Smithereens.

The Washington Times Dot contest, the greatest guessing contest ever known in Washington, is closed.

At 12 o'clock last night the last of the charts eligible for the four special prizes offered to those persons who handed in the last correct estimates was received over the counter.

Long after that hour, however, estimates were received to be considered with those that had come in earlier, and the full office force was kept busy marking the envelopes.

Announcement Next Sunday.
The list of prize winners will be announced in the Times of Sunday, April 11, one week from today.

From 10 o'clock on until 1 o'clock last night, the business office of the Times Building, struggling to get into line and hand in their estimates. The line itself extended down D Street half way to Ninth. After the big clock in the tower of the postoffice building showed that the time limit was up for those in line for the special prizes, estimates were taken in at the windows of The Times office, and more than a hundred of them found their way to the records in this manner.

Crowd Fascinated.

So fascinated and enthusiastic was the crowd that many stayed to look on after their envelopes had been taken in. They hung about the curbstones, in the street, and even climbed on the window sills to get a look at what was going on within. Even women became so interested that they followed the example of the irrepressible street urchins and clambered upon the bicycle racks and window sills, peering anxiously at the busy scene at the office counters.

Shortly before midnight, when the crowd was at its thickest, a man, in his eagerness to gain an entrance to where the counts were being received, lurched against the door and smashed the glass into a thousand pieces.

Inside everyone was begging for his chart to be taken. Envelopes were thrown over the high wire screen that surrounds the business office and many too, their departure when they had seen their chart and money-laden envelopes alight on the floor within the screen.

Shower of Envelopes.
Many got their call numbers mixed and attempted to get ahead of those who were entitled to precede them, and it was when they failed to do this that the shower of envelopes began to pour over the screen. As time went by the excitement grew more intense and the comments more earnest.

"I've put in three charts already," said one enthusiast.

"There is a difference of only four in the numbers I have guessed, but I believe I'll go in and get another."

Like Election Night.
Shouldering his way through the crowd he bought a copy of The Times and went to work at the writing desk, where a number of others were pondering over the elusive dots.

Saturday night rounders drifted along the street by the score.

"Gosh," said one, as he looked at the crowd, "I didn't know there was an election today."

"Election nothing!" said a companion. "There's a prizefight on in San Francisco."

Bluecoats in Evidence.
Blue-coated minions of the law came and went. Ever and anon their more or less cheerful "Move along there, now. Don't block up the pavement. You won't be heard, but soon they would become so interested in the contest and the good humor and enthusiasm of those who were handing in guesses that they would forget to urge the crowd to motion and would stand going with the rest. As the crowd was most orderly and good humored at all times, there was little fault to be found.

Waited for Returns.
Many there were who thought that the prize winners were to be announced immediately upon the close of the contest; and they hung on after the doors were closed, in order to hear the names of the fortunate ones; turning away reluctantly when they were informed that it would take several days for the puzzle editor to even get his bearings.

Force Played Out.
Late into the night the puzzle editor, with several assistants, was kept at work opening envelopes. So heavy had the work been that the entire force was completely played out.

Never in the history of Washington has a contest of this sort aroused so much interest. It exceeded by far the expectations of the most sanguine and showed the interest taken by the Washington public in a fairly conducted guessing contest with valuable prizes to reward those who entered it.

FINED \$1,500 FOR MAIL FRAUDS.
CHICAGO, Ill., April 9.—Pleading guilty to using the mails to further an advertising scheme by which newspapers all over the country were swindled out of large sums, John H. Dalton was today fined \$1,500 in United States Circuit Court. Dalton escaped the penalty of a year of the same charge two years ago.

BALFOURS CABINET MAY NOT WEATHER GATHERING STORM

Considerable Deficit Expected to Be Shown
by Annual Budget at Session of Parliament After Easter Recess.

LONDON, April 9.—Parliament meets again on Tuesday, April 12, after the Easter recess. The session is bound to be remarkable in many ways, and may end with the fall of the cabinet.

In the first few days the two Chamberlains, father and son, will play prominent parts. Joseph Chamberlain will be back from his holiday, and on Monday, April 18, Austin Chamberlain, in his official position as chancellor of the exchequer, will introduce the annual budget.

Deficit Expected.
A considerable deficit is expected, and to make this good additional taxes may have to be imposed, and this will enormously add to Premier Balfour's difficulties in keeping his government together. It has even been suggested that the so-called bread tax of one shilling a hundred weight on wheat, may be reimposed, with a possible preference for colonial imports.

While this would be in line with the Chamberlain fiscal policy, it is not believed that the government will dare take such a step prior to the general election. Such a measure would hardly be looked upon as a measure for revenue only, but as one principally for protection and the nation cannot be committed to this policy without a terrific struggle.

Nervousness Evident.
When parliament adjourned two weeks ago there were plentiful signs of nervous excitement among the supporters of the government. A Tory member who ob-

jected to the importation of Chinese labor into South Africa was howled down by members of his own side of the house and Winston Churchill, for trying to secure a hearing for his friend, was punished by a strange exhibition of childishness on the part of the cabinet and Unionist members.

When he began to speak, practically everyone on his side of the house, led by Mr. Balfour, walked out and he was left to address empty benches. These and similar instances have created a lot of personal feeling which has by no means abated, and will certainly crop up again in a few days.

Chamberlain's Breakdown.
Great interest is felt as to Joseph Chamberlain's next appearance in the house of commons. His last two or three speeches before leaving for his vacation were delivered with such violence and incoherence as to give the impression that he was suffering from a mental breakdown. It was even suggested that his mind was seriously affected, and he would probably never return to public life.

As a matter of fact, his physicians were greatly alarmed over his condition, but he is believed to be greatly improved after his long rest. Whether or not he can carry on his protection campaign without a further collapse remains to be seen. Should Chamberlain be seriously ill, it is thought that the protection campaign will go to pieces. He is heart and soul of the entire movement and has practically no lieutenants.

Col. William A. Turk Succumbs to Pneumonia

Passenger Traffic Manager of Southern Railway Dead After Three Days' Illness—Body Will Be Taken to Raleigh.

Col. William A. Turk, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Railway, and one of the best-known railroad men in the United States, died last night at 6:40 o'clock in his apartments at the Mendota, after an illness of three days with pneumonia.

The news of his death will be a great shock to his friends all over the country, as it was not generally known that he was even ill. Every means known to medical science was employed to save the patient's life. Late yesterday afternoon he began to sink, and the end came quietly. Col. Turk is survived by a widow and two children, Margaret and Rudolf.

To Raleigh for Burial.
Colonel Turk's body will be taken to Raleigh for burial, leaving here tonight on a special train over the Southern Railway. Funeral services will be held at Christ Church, Monday morning, at 10:30 o'clock.

Colonel Turk was born fifty-three years ago in Augusta county, Va. He had been connected with railroads in the South for twenty-one years, filling many positions of responsibility, and always with great executive ability. He was at one time general passenger agent of the old Richmond and Danville Railroad, out of which grew the present Southern system.

Made Traffic Manager.
With the consolidation of many lines he became general passenger agent of the entire system, a position he held until two years ago, when he was appointed passenger traffic manager of the system. He was a man of fine qualities and numbered his friends by the thousands. He was a frequent guest at the Grildiron Club dinners, and a delegate from that organization will attend the funeral. In the funeral party will also be a number of newspaper men and business associates of Colonel Turk.

SENATOR FORAKER HAS MR. ZURHORST'S SCALP

But Former Collector of Customs Will
Seek Vindication in Courts.
Protégé of Hanna.

Senator Foraker and his friends won a two-year fight yesterday, when Edward H. Zurhorst, collector of customs at Sandusky, resigned. Zurhorst did so to escape being dismissed. Senator Foraker has endorsed State Senator Judson for his place in the last two years, and he is now likely to be appointed.

Zurhorst was appointed to his place by President McKinley. He was a lieutenant of Senator Hanna during the fight that resulted in his first election to the Senate, and afterward. Before that he had been connected with the Sherman-McKiley organization.

When Zurhorst was appointed, he had lost a comfortable fortune in business ventures and needed the place. When his money, and he is now well to do. His tenacious grip on the collectorship, he explains, has been due to his determination not to let go under fire.

Zurhorst would have been willing, he says, any time in the last two years, to resign the office immediately upon securing a reappointment. But he wanted a reappointment. Zurhorst was charged with having been filed against Zurhorst when he came up for reappointment. Senator Hanna supported Zurhorst to the end, and scoffed at the charges. Secretary Shaw assisted Senator Hanna in his efforts to prevent a reappointment, but unable yesterday to get Zurhorst's scalp, he is now trying to get him out of the office by vindication through the courts.

COMMENDS AMERICAN SCHOOLS.
LONDON, April 9.—The Money Commission has issued its report on the educational system of the United States, in a volume of 49 pages. Illustrated. It covers every department of American education, and especially praises manual training, co-education, and the sanitary and hygienic conditions of the buildings and school rooms.

Best Boards, \$1.50 Per 100 Feet.
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY BANQUET AT RAUSCHER'S

College Men, Old and Young, Have a
Merry Time Around Board at Close
of Tri-Province Convention.

Mirth and merriment prevailed at the banquet of the delegates to the tri-province convention of the Sigma Chi fraternity at Rauscher's last night. The banquet marked the close of the convention, and the weariness of the white cross lost no chance to make the occasion memorable.

J. Holdsworth Gordon was the toastmaster, introducing each speaker with remarks a la Sigma Chi. From the crowd of the most distinguished Sigs at the banquet, E. H. Hinman was the first to rise and address the diners. His topic was "Character and Fraternity," but in reality he told them that "Sigma Chi" was the only real thing.

Mr. Conklin's Address.
"Fraternity Extension" was the supposed subject of W. H. P. Conklin's address. A. J. McKelone was down to talk on "The White Cross and its Significance."

C. M. Rogers explained what "Chapter Life" is. E. P. Hunter talked about "Our Fair Allies."

Gen. B. P. Runkle, past grand consul, delivered an interesting address on "Sigma Chi." Dr. Robert Farnham, a past grand consul, spoke on the same subject.

STRANGER CLAIMS WHOLE PENNSYLVANIA TOWN

CUMBERLAND, Md., April 9.—Much excitement exists at Piletsville, Bedford county, Pa., over the appearance of a stranger named Oldham, who has laid claim to the entire town. Fifty years ago, before Piletsville was thought of, Amos Oldham mortgaged his large estate, with the provision that the time was never to come when his heir might not pay the mortgage off.

SENATOR GORMAN AVOIDS A TRAP SET BY SPOONER

Maryland Man Refuses
to Discuss Cleve-
land's Record.

DEFENSE OF MR. PAYNE

"A Much Misunderstood
Man," Says the Wis-
consin Statesman.

Senator Gorman was put face to face with a difficult political problem on the floor of the Senate yesterday afternoon. He had to choose between entering upon a hard political debate with Mr. Spooner, in which he would have had to defend the political record of Grover Cleveland, or else preserve a discreet silence.

When the debate came to an end, Mr. Gorman's Democratic colleagues thought he had handled the situation with a good deal of political sagacity.

Mr. Spooner was speaking on the Postoffice appropriation bill, on which he held the floor for three hours. Frequently he directed his comments straight at Mr. Gorman, whose seat is not far away, and every little while he put in a challenge in the shape of a pointed question. His evident desire was to draw Mr. Gorman into a debate, which would disclose the Maryland Senator's position on Mr. Cleveland.

A Discreet Silence.

Sometimes Mr. Gorman replied briefly, but most of the time he sat silent while Mr. Spooner hurled his oratorical shafts. When he did reply it was in answer to statements which seemed to be directed at his leadership of the Senate minority. But when Mr. Spooner took up instances in Cleveland's term of office to criticize, Mr. Gorman was not eager in seeking to get in some explanation ahead of any other Democratic Senator.

In the course of his speech Mr. Spooner defended Postmaster General Payne, Commissioner Ware, and President Roosevelt, in turn, from partisan attacks upon them. He said this is a thoroughgoing way and occasional interruptions by other Senators tended to prolong the debate. In consequence, with two other speeches of some length, the Postoffice appropriation bill did not achieve any great progress yesterday.

Immediately after the morning session, Mr. Lodge was recognized, for an amicable parley with Mr. Patterson of Colorado as to the right of way. The latter wished to complete his speech on Chinese exclusion, and thought he ought to be permitted to do it without delay. Mr. Lodge said he had a rather brief statement to go into the "Record," and so his colleague yielded.

In his introductory remarks, Mr. Lodge said he knew the matter of Chinese exclusion was a matter of great importance to the country, and that he was going to speak on it. He said that he was going to speak on it, and that he was going to speak on it.

Mr. Patterson then concluded his speech on Chinese exclusion, calling attention to the danger which threatens this country from the unrestricted immigration of Chinese unless the United States enacts legislation of a sufficient sort before December 1 next, when China's official renunciation of the existing treaty becomes effective.

Spooner Defends Payne.

Mr. Spooner was then recognized. The first part of his speech was entirely in defense of the record of Postmaster General Payne, who comes from Wisconsin. The Senator went into detail in praise of Mr. Payne's personal devotion to duty, and said that official duty nothing to fear from any just review of his record. It was the distortion of things, which caused people to get wrong impressions of Mr. Payne's administration of the office, he said.

Passing from the Postoffice question to that of Commissioner Ware's recent old-age pension bill, Mr. Spooner defended it as a worthy and necessary hardship of a campaign, creating a disability in the eyes of the law by the time they are sixty-two years old. Ask them that," demanded the Wisconsin Senator, who suddenly changed his manner and said: "But, no; I won't ask you to do that. I am too wise to mistake what the answer would be."

Mr. Overman Protests.

Mr. Overman protested that he should not be singled out as the one to whom such questions should be addressed, and said he based his objections on the illegality, as he claimed, of Commissioner Ware ordering what ought to come through Congress. Mr. Spooner explained that the personal phrasing of his comment was merely a manner of expression.

Mr. Gorman was the next minority Senator to be drawn into the range of Mr. Spooner's fire. The Maryland Senator's apparent unwillingness to enter into a political debate, in which the only reward in sight was a defense of Grover Cleveland, prevented what

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TIBETANS RETIRE BEFORE EXPEDITION OF BRITISH TROOPS

Natives' Losses Smaller Than at First Reported—Another Battle Expected in the Near Future.

LONDON, April 10.—A dispatch from the expedition of Colonel Younghusband into the interior of Tibet, states that the British column has moved from Salu. The Tibetans retired before the British, and are now in force eight miles north of Kangma.

The Tibetan casualties in the battle at Kangma were smaller than at first reported, reaching six dead and a number wounded.

The Grand Lama has issued a decree confiscating for the benefit of the commander of the Tibetan forces all of the property of the commander of the troops who failed to check the British advance at Guru.

A Forward Policy.

Strange developments are expected from the British expedition into Tibet. Irrespective of the amount of success of Colonel Younghusband, the English government is committed to a forward policy, which must eventually end in breaking down Tibetan exclusiveness.

More than this, it may bring about great changes in Asiatic religious matters.

The Dela Lama, or Buddhist pope, has obtained much of his prestige through the mystery surrounding him. Much of this mystery must inevitably disappear with an open road to Lhasa. On the other hand, the Lama may take a more active part in ruling the affairs of the Buddhist Church.

Selected in Infancy.

The present Lama is twenty-nine years old, and is the only Lama for the past hundred years who has reached this age. The Lamas are selected in their infancy and naturally, during their infancy, the church is governed by the priests of his entourage. In past times these have been so jealous of their power that they always poisoned the Lama so soon as he was old enough to show signs of wanting to rule.

For some reason, which is not at all clear, the present Lama was allowed to live, and is said to be a person of some force, who desires to shake off the arbitrary rule of China and govern the country entirely himself.

Young Crabtree Drowned By Upsetting of Canoe

Accident Followed a Mother's Premonition of Evil—Sister Has Narrow Escape From a Similar Fate.

Notwithstanding their mother's premonition of an accident, and despite her entreaties to her children not to go canoeing yesterday afternoon, Walter H. Crabtree and his sister Alma went to Cumberland's boathouse, foot of H Street northwest, accompanied by a friend, and less than an hour later she was informed of her sons' death by drowning and the narrow escape of her daughter.

Had it not been for the efforts of the young man who accompanied the brother and sister, the girl would have perished also. The body of Walter Crabtree was recovered by the crew of the police boat Vigilant shortly after the accident, and taken to the morgue, after which it was conveyed to Joseph Gawler's undertaking establishment to be prepared for shipment to Raleigh, N. C., the home of the Crabtree family.

Mother Was Fearful.

Mrs. Mary G. Crabtree, mother of the drowned young man, lives at 204 G Street northwest. When her son put on the canoe she objected to it and is said to have averred that it would be responsible for the death of one or both of her children. Yesterday afternoon when her son returned from the Postoffice Department, where he was employed, he was accompanied by a friend, whom he introduced to his sister. Miss Crabtree had an engagement to go to the boathouse with her brother and was preparing to go. She does not remember the name of her brother's friend. The trio started for the boathouse when the canoe was upset about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The two young men dropped the canoe into the water and all three got in to paddle up the river near the Three Sisters. Just as they were seated and the boat was pushed off, it capsized, and the three were thrown into the water, about ten or fifteen feet deep, at the wharf where the steamer Bartholdi lands.

Friend Saved Sister.

The friend of the Crabtrees is an expert swimmer, and his first thoughts were for the safety of Miss Crabtree, who was struggling to keep her head above water and screaming frantically. He grabbed her about the waist and brought her to the shore.

Architects Criticise
Plans for Capitol

Representatives of American Institute
Appear Before Senate Committee to
Urge Special Commission.

In advocacy of a plan to put future improvements at the Capitol into the hands of a commission of three eminent architects, an argument was made before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations yesterday by George B. Post, of New York.

He appeared with six other members of the American Institute of Architects—Walter Cook of New York; Frank Condit and Edgar V. Seidler of Philadelphia; Cass Gilbert, of New York and St. Paul; Alfred Stone, of Providence, R. I.; and Glenn Brown, of Washington.

TROOPS PATROL FRENCH
TOWN OF AMIENS

AMIENS, France, April 10.—Troops patrolled the town last night and there was no further recurrence of rioting.

The force of infantry which was attacked by the strikers was later reinforced by cavalry, and after that there was no trouble. Business is at a standstill here.

READY TO FIGHT OVER REMAINS OF THE MERGER

Hill Reaches St. Paul and
Root Will Arrive
Tomorrow.

HARRIMAN AFTER N. P.

First Clash Comes in Federal Court Over His Motion.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 9.—Forces are gathering for the first battle over the Northern Securities distributions. The first clash will come next Tuesday in the Federal court at St. Paul, when E. H. Harriman's motion will be argued.

James J. Hill reached St. Paul this morning. Elihu Poot, who has been retained as counsel for the merger interests, will arrive on Monday. Mr. Hill talks emphatically regarding the situation. His statements would indicate that he views Mr. Harriman's motives with grave concern, whatever view he takes of the Union Pacific magnate's chances of success.

"Mr. Harriman is undoubtedly trying to secure control of the Northern Pacific. That is easy enough for anyone to see," said Mr. Hill, today. "However, the laws of the several States through which the Oregon Short Line and the Northern Pacific run are utterly opposed to such ownership or control, and I presume he would be prevented from accomplishing his purpose by those laws. Even if the courts sustained his contention regarding the re-distribution, this would not, in my opinion, give him control of the Northern Pacific."

"SMILING DICK'S" WIFE HALTS A RECEPTION

President Allows Guests to Wait While
He Welcomes the Family of
Police Inspector.

Several hundred White House visitors were compelled to "stand back" yesterday and hear an impromptu tribute to the sterling worth of a police officer from the lips of the President.

Attending Capt. Joseph Carter, of Police Headquarters, called to present the wife, daughter, and two sons of Inspector "Smiling Dick" Walsh, of the N. Y. police force. Inspector Walsh was raised to the captaincy by Mr. Roosevelt while he was police commissioner of New York.

When the President learned that they were in the building, he sent word that they should be brought in at once, although the order had been given to admit the usual delegation of visitors, who were already in the anteroom. As Mrs. Walsh approached, making some remark about her pleasure at meeting the man who had "made her husband," the President interrupted her.

"My dear madam," he said, "I did not make your husband. He made himself. He is an honest man—a thoroughly honest man, and that is something which should be your husband's motto."

He continued in this strain for some time, shaking each member of the family by both hands, while the other visitors listened to this pathetic oration on the virtues of his old subordinate.

Here From Raleigh.

The young man who was drowned was twenty-one years old, and his sister is three years his junior. He was employed in the office of the Southern Railway Company, but about six months ago he was appointed as a clerk in the Postoffice Department.

He came to Washington from Raleigh, about a year and a half ago. The remains will be sent to the family home this evening, and the funeral and interment will take place in Raleigh on Monday.

MAN SHOT FOR FIGHT HE HAD 28 YEARS AGO

Brought From District Jail to Verify
Accounts as Secretary-Treasurer
of Co-operative Association.

James M. A. Watson, who is in the District jail awaiting trial on three indictments, charging him with the embezzlement of more than \$3,000 of the District's money, was a witness yesterday in a civil suit against Paul Vollum, to recover \$15.

This is the third hearing Watson has had since his incarceration in the District jail.

Watson, who has been in the District jail since last June, was brought before Justice O'Neal on a writ of habeas corpus issued yesterday afternoon by Justice Barnard, of the District Supreme Court, in order that he might testify in the suit of Stuart McNamara and others, receivers of the District Co-operative Association, against Paul Vollum, a creditor of the corporation. Watson was the secretary-treasurer of the association, and was called to verify the entries of credit and debit entered against Vollum.

As a result of the trial judgment was entered against Vollum for \$15, the amount claimed.

Other similar suits in which Watson is named as a witness, were postponed until April 13. The case of Frank L. Wollard, in which the defendant demurred to the jurisdiction of the court, was transferred to Justice of the Peace Mills, and will be heard on April 13. Watson was brought up from jail by a special deputy marshal. The trip was made in a street car. The return trip to the jail was made in the same manner.

IRISH IMMIGRANTS COMING.

NEW YORK, April 9.—During the coming week five steamships will be due here from British ports, with a total of nearly 5,000 Irish immigrants. The spring tide of Irish immigration has set in earlier this year than usual, and already a large number have arrived.